

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

1) The Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

There are no changes to the initial statement of reasons, which is hereby incorporated by reference, with the exception of the following:

Section 159.10 (a) has been changed to reference the new revision date of the REG 256 form to REV. 12/2004.

Section 159.10(a) (5) has been added to include the date the form was signed as a result of the revision of Section H, Applicant's Signature on the form.

Section 159.19(a)(5) has been renumbered to 159.10(a)(6) accordingly.

2) Imposition of Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

The department's regulatory action adopting Section 159.10 in Article 3, Chapter 1, Division 1 of Title 13, does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts and imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency, (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, (3) no other discretionary cost or savings to local agencies, and (4) no cost or savings in federal funding to the state. No studies or data were relied upon to make this determination.

3) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The proposal was noticed on December 24, 2004, and made available to the public from December 24, 2004 through February 7, 2005. No comments were received on the regulatory proposal.

4) Determination of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative considered by the department, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which these regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations. During the rulemaking process, no alternative that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small business was submitted.